

PSTA Academic Building Complex -- No. 479909

Category Public Safety
Agency Police
Planning Area Countywide
Relocation Impact None

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Required Adequate Public Facility

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NO

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY03	Est. FY04	Total 6 Years	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	3,047	169	1,545	1,333	233	231	231	535	103	0	0
Land											
Site Improvements and Utilities	1,369	0	221	1,148	385	538	143	82	0	0	0
Construction	17,634	0	1,407	16,227	582	3,640	2,268	2,758	6,979	0	0
Other	827	0	0	827	132	397	265	0	33	0	0
Total	22,877	169	3,173	19,535	1,332	4,806	2,907	3,375	7,115	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

G.O. Bonds	22,877	169	3,173	19,535	1,332	4,806	2,907	3,375	7,115	0	0
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ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

Maintenance				124	0	0	0	0	0	124	0
Energy				61	0	0	0	0	0	61	0
Program-Staff				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Program-Other				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost Savings				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offset Revenue				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Impact				185	0	0	0	0	0	185	0

DESCRIPTION

This project provides for a major renovation and expansion of the Public Safety Training Academy (PSTA), the primary training facility for the Department of Police, Fire and Rescue Service (including the site for the future Travilah Fire Station), and the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation. The project will involve renovations to, and expansion of, the Academic Building Complex (ABC) and enhancements including a helipad, auditorium, and renovation of the gym and indoor firing range. ABC expansion areas will contain general classrooms, indoor fire skills training, and consolidated office space. Existing space will be renovated and reconfigured to provide general and technical classrooms (such as EMT paramedic, computer, and firearms), a simunitions area, a student study center, and expansion and upgrade of the physical training area and locker rooms. A portion of the basement will be renovated as unprogrammed space that will provide a future capability for graphics production, and video development and broadcast. A new canine support facility of 1,350 gross square feet will be developed adjacent to the existing Emergency Vehicle Operations Center (EVOC) facility and driving course. The project also includes design and construction of a public safety memorial in coordination with the Public Arts Trust and a memorial site is reserved on the PSTA site. Project appropriation includes \$100,000 that is reserved exclusively for the public safety memorial. Other site considerations include stormwater management, developing a centralized reception/security access for the PSTA, providing overall security for the site, and increased parking. The project also includes improvements to the lighting, mechanical systems, and building envelope to meet Executive Regulation 68-91 AM, Building Design Standards. Subsequent phases, not included in the project at this time, will include replacement and expansion of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service outdoor fire training props, including the burn building. The Multi-Agency Driver Training Facility project is included under the General Government section.

JUSTIFICATION

There have been no major upgrades or renovations to the PSTA since it was completed in 1973. Since its completion, the training needs of the user agencies have changed significantly. As a result, the PSTA is in need of reconfiguration, expansion to meet current and projected training needs. Although some non-public safety agencies and citizens may use this facility for training, public safety agency training is its primary function. Since the POR was completed for the PSTA academic complex project, a number of events have taken place that demonstrated the need for first responders to be better prepared for such events. The addition of an auditorium allows for an entire shift of personnel to be briefed should the need occur. The helipad allows for one of the most versatile transport vehicles to work from the PSTA. The indoor firing range, including its target mechanism, requires modernization because it has not been upgraded for 30 years. The gym renovation is needed because its use has changed over the past 30 years with a greater number of public safety personnel and more defined fitness requirements.

Plans and Studies

Planning funds from the projects Facility Planning: Police and Facility Planning: Fire and Rescue have been used to develop needs assessment studies, the associated Program of Requirements, and cost estimates.

Cost Change

Cost increases due mostly to training enhancements (gym and indoor firing range renovations, helipad, and auditorium) as well as updated cost estimates for the ABC (permit fees, telecommunication costs, inflation, and modifications for the future Travilah Fire Station). Adjust expenditure and funding schedules for fiscal capacity.

STATUS

Design for the ABC will be completed in FY04 and design for the training enhancements will start in FY05.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY99	(\$000)
Initial Cost Estimate		10,608
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY05	13,875
Last FY's Cost Estimate		16,079
Present Cost Estimate		22,877

Appropriation Request	FY05	1,262
Appropriation Request Est.	FY06	5,746
Supplemental		
Appropriation Request	FY04	0
Transfer		0

Cumulative Appropriation	15,332
Expenditures/ Encumbrances	856
Unencumbered Balance	14,476

Partial Closeout Thru	FY02	0
New Partial Closeout	FY03	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION

Department of Correction and Rehabilitation
Fire and Rescue Service
Police Department
Department of Public Works and Transportation,
Division of Capital Development
Office of Management and Budget
M-NCPPC
Multi-Agency Driver Training Facility

Special Capital Improvements Project Legislation
was enacted by Council on April 21, 1998
(Bill No. 5-98), and reauthorized on May 14, 2003
(Bill 6-03).

MAP

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OTHER

In FY99, the Council requested that the County Executive examine whether additional land near the PSTA should be acquired to ensure that the PSTA will remain the long-term site for public safety training in Montgomery County. The County Executive concluded, with support from M-NCPPC, that there is sufficient buffering to adjacent property and that the PSTA Master Plan indicates the current site adequately supports future needs for public safety training.